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Articles Published Since Last Issue

- [Ancestry New and Updated Collections – September 1-30, 2021](#)
- [FamilySearch New and Updated Collections – September 1-30, 2021](#)
- [Free California Online Cemetery and Burial Records](#)
- [Free District of Columbia Online Voter Records](#)
- [Free New York Online Voter Records](#)
- [Free Pennsylvania Online Voter Records](#)
- [Free West Virginia Online Voter Records](#)
- [Free Texas Probate Records and Wills](#)
- [Free Missouri Probate Records and Wills](#)
- [Free Kentucky Probate Records and Wills](#)
- [Free Mississippi Probate Records and Wills](#)
- [Free Tennessee Probate Records and Wills](#)
- [Digital Library of Georgia to Add 126 New Historical Newspaper Titles in Fall 2021](#)
- [Free New Jersey Online Voter Records](#)
- [Free Maryland Online Voter Records](#)
- [Free Virginia Online Voter Records](#)
- [1245 Free United States Online Voter Record Collections](#)
- [Free South Carolina Probate Records and Wills](#)
- [Free North Carolina Probate Records and Wills](#)
- [Free Alabama Probate Records and Wills](#)
- [Free West Virginia Probate Records and Wills](#)
- [Free Oklahoma Probate Records and Wills](#)
- [Free Online Florida City Directories](#)
- [Free West Virginia Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Online California City Directories](#)
- [8,465 Free Online Probate Record and Wills Collections for the United States](#)
- [Free Online New York City Directories](#)
- [Free Online Ohio City Directories](#)
- [Free Online Georgia City Directories](#)
- [Free Online New Jersey City Directories](#)
- [Free Mississippi Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [Free Virginia Online Divorce Record Collections](#)
- [14,600 Free Online City Directories from the United States](#)

New From The Newspaper Corner

- [NY State Historical Newspapers Adds/Updates 10 Titles – September, 2021](#)
- [Advantage Archives 1.2 Million Historical Newspaper Pages – August, 2021](#)
- [GenealogyBank Adds/Updates 91 Titles – September, 2021](#)
- [Veridian Software – Historical Newspaper Report – September, 2021](#)
- [Find My Past Adds/Updates 137 Historical Newspaper Titles – September, 2021](#)
- [British Newspaper Archive Adds/Updates 117 Titles – September, 2021](#)
- [NewspaperARCHIVE Update – September, 2021](#)
- [Chronicling America Updates – September 2021](#)

Did you know that you can find out a child's birth information from their parent's Naturalization Records? This is just one of 27 places you can find birth info.

When searching for obituaries in old newspapers, add "beloved" or "dear" or "loving" to your search criteria. These are commonly used words in obituaries. This will save you time in finding the Obituary section of the newspaper.

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Where to Find City Directories Online

City and business directories are available online from all over the U.S. and Canada and are what I consider another important set of information that can assist you in advancing your family history and genealogy research.

So, what kinds of directories are available to the researcher? Naturally city and business directories, but also telephone directories, and alumni, farm, lodge, rural, and social directories.

What can you find in these records? How about:

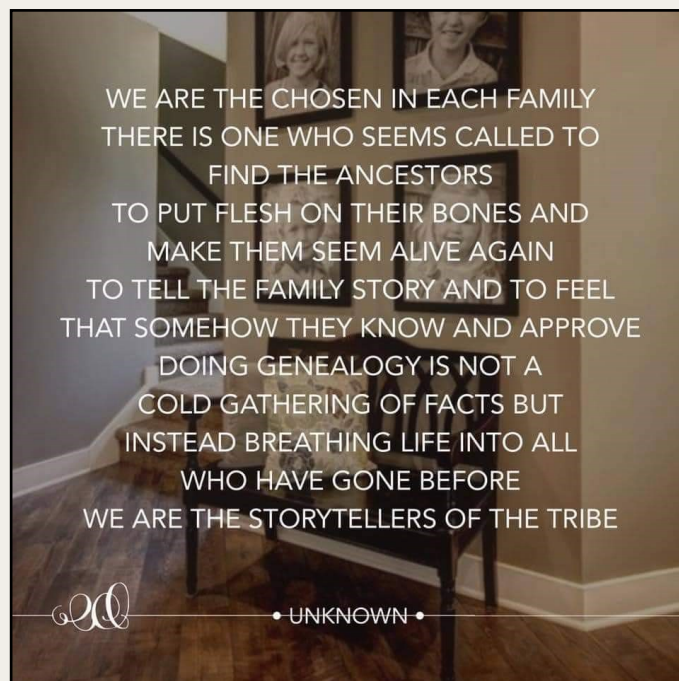
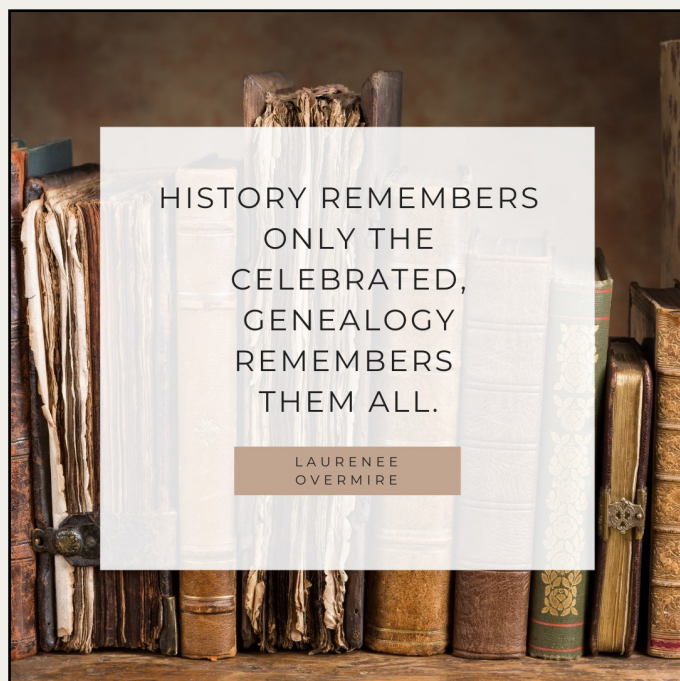
- Full names, including middle names
- Spouse name
- Occupation
- Widows, working women, and adult children at home.
- Maps
- Businesses (and index to advertisers).
- Addresses and maps of churches, schools, funeral homes, cemeteries, post offices, courts, hospitals, benevolent associations, newspapers.
- Whether a woman is a widow (including name of husband).
- List of marriages and deaths of previous year.
- Death date.

I have been using city directories as a mainstay of my ancestor research ever since I started my family history search. Here are a list of various websites where I found useful information in my own research. They all have city and other directories available for you to search and browse online. Some are free, and some require a subscription:

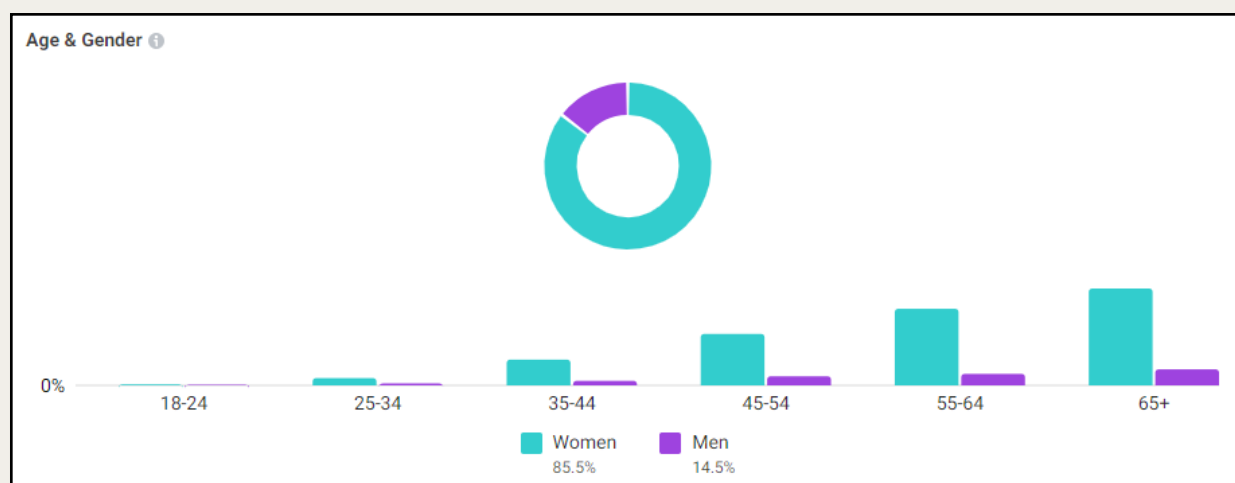
- The Ancestor Hunt has recently started cataloging the links to FREE (and only free) city and other directories. Check out the [Directories](#) tab for the link lists by state and province.
- I became excited about San Francisco city directories when I had a Footnote (now [Fold3](#)) subscription many years ago. They had a nice collection of older San Francisco directories. Fold3 requires a subscription. And they have 1000's of directories from about half of the U.S. states.
- [Internet Archive](#) has a sizable number of free directories available. Just enter "city directory" with the quotes in the search box and depress the "Go" button. At the time of the publication of this post there are 3,168 results. You obviously would wish to refine the search by entering your city of interest, but it tells you that there are a lot of city directories available to you.
- [Don's List](#) has a nice collection of directories and is free and browsable. There are also international directories.
- [Ancestry.com](#) has a large collection of directories that do have an index, so that a surname or complete name can be entered and one can find an ancestor in the results provided. The page where the person's name exists is made available and all one needs to do is scan through the image to find the subject person. Ancestry requires a subscription.
- [Distant Cousin](#) (now defunct) also had a search and browse capability for city directories which is free. You might see this site come up in lists of city directory websites.
- [Hathitrust](#) and [Google Books](#) have a large number of directories that are available for you to search and browse. In particular, Hathitrust has many from the 19th Century.
- [My Heritage](#) has recently been adding a large amount to its online city directory collection. It is available via a subscription.
- [FindMyPast](#) also has directories of many varieties available via subscription, and is a very good source of not only the U.S. and Canada, but also the UK, Ireland, and Australia and New Zealand.
- England and Wales trade directories are available for free at the University of Leicester [Historical Directories](#) project. It has browsing and search capability.
- [Cyndi's List](#) has a long list of smaller collections of directories online provided by local libraries and historical societies. Definitely worth looking at the free resources as well as those listed that are available via subscription sites.
- Finally, Miriam Robbins has accumulated a number of links to city directories, which she has made available at [Online Historical Directories](#).

So try out all of these options – there are plenty for you to choose from. And city directories are really fun to search. And rewarding.





The Ancestor Hunt Facebook Page has over 35,000 Followers. Did you know that 85% are women and 15% are men? And the bulk are over 45 years old. I think that is likely pretty representative of our industry, don't you think?



Top 10 Cities for Followers:

- New York, NY
- Winnipeg, MB, Canada
- Houston, TX
- Indianapolis, IN
- Jacksonville, FL
- Oklahoma City, OK
- San Antonio, TX
- Columbus, OH
- Louisville, KY
- Ottawa, ON, Canada

Top 10 Pages/Posts Traffic in Last 2 years:

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| • newspaper-research-links.html | 168,540 |
| • yearbooks.html | 132,582 |
| • where-to-find-high-school-and-college-yearbooks-online | 107,244 |
| • / | 99,351 |
| • 5-best-free-sites-for-online-newspaper-research-for-genealogy | 69,820 |
| • newspapers.html | 64,798 |
| • obituaries.html | 64,473 |
| • new-york-online-historical-newspapers-summary | 41,786 |
| • iowa-online-historical-newspapers-summary | 36,583 |
| • ontario-online-historical-newspapers-summary | 36,369 |

Useful Articles from Other Sources

Looking for a Genealogy Event?

- [Remember to Check Out Conference Keeper!](#)

If a Tree has a New Date In It, Do You Copy It?

- [That Date in an Online Tree](#)

Need to Get Organized?

- [5 Genealogy Filing Systems to Get You Organized](#)

Estimating Dates Are You?

- [From Whence the Estimate?](#)

Still Trying to Get the Perfect Date?

- [The Best for that Place](#)

Researching Scandinavian Ancestors?

- [Explore Your Scandinavian Ancestry and Heritage](#)



New Website Navigation

There are 4 Menu Items

[Home](#) [Resources](#) ▾ [Blog](#) [More](#) ▾

The Resources Menu item includes all 20 Categories of Links (e.g., Newspapers, Yearbooks, Directories, etc.), Plus the By Location Feature

The More Menu Item includes: Recent Articles, Quicksheets, Newsletters, Subscribe, About, Contact, and Tools

In the Footer, there is a Search bar, Access to Blog Posts and Article Archives, and a New Category feature. Every Blog Post will be assigned at least one category.

WHAT I AM WORKING ON IN OCTOBER

FINISH CEMETERY AND BURIAL RECORDS AND MILITARY RECORDS CATEGORIES

FINISH UPDATE OF CITY DIRECTORIES CATEGORY

START UPDATE OF FREE NEWSPAPER LINKS

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A Fantastic Project Just Completed - Index to Online County Histories



My friend, Linda Stufflebean, has just completed a very laborious, but satisfying project that creates a directory of links for all 50 states to Online County Histories. This is a fantastic way to enhance your ancestors family stories. Her website is [Empty Branches on the Family Tree](#)

Linda's description of the project:

Do you use county histories in your genealogy research? I remember the "old days" when I drooled with delight finding the county history I needed n the library shelf.

Through the years, I've spent many hours perusing shelves looking for that one special county history.

With the explosion of genealogically related items that are now digitized and viewable online AND the fact that county histories were most popularly written in the late 19th and early 20th centuries – meaning those books are now out of copyright – I've likely spent as many, or even more hours perusing the internet for those volumes.

One item I've always wished to discover is a database of all American county histories that have been digitized. That hasn't happened, so I've decided to create it myself, as I think many researchers will find it invaluable.

For the online county histories for each state, just click on that state's link below:

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Alabama | • Indiana | • Montana | • Rhode Island |
| • Alaska | • Iowa | • Nebraska | • South Carolina |
| • Arizona | • Kansas | • Nevada | • South Dakota |
| • Arkansas | • Kentucky | • New Hampshire | • Tennessee |
| • California | • Louisiana | • New Jersey | • Texas |
| • Colorado | • Maine | • New Mexico | • Utah |
| • Connecticut | • Maryland | • New York | • Vermont |
| • Delaware | • Massachusetts | • North Carolina | • Virginia |
| • Florida | • Michigan | • North Dakota | • Washington |
| • Georgia | • Minnesota | • Ohio | • West Virginia |
| • Hawaii | • Mississippi | • Oklahoma | • Wisconsin |
| • Idaho | • Missouri | • Oregon | • Wyoming |
| • Illinois | | • Pennsylvania | |

Historical Naturalization and Immigration Laws from 1790 through 1952

YEAR	DESCRIPTION
1790	Naturalization Act of 1790 – Two years residency; restricted to “free white persons” of “good moral character”
1795	Naturalization Act of 1795 – Five years residency plus three years notice of intent to apply for citizenship
1798	Naturalization Act of 1798 – 14 years residency and five years notice of intent to apply for citizenship
1802	Repealed and replaced the 1798 act; Five years residency and three years notice of intent to apply for citizenship. Resident children of naturalized citizens are considered citizens; children born abroad of US citizens are considered citizens
1824	Reduced time from notice of intent to citizenship to 2 years. 5 years still required.
1855	Women take on the citizenship of her husband through derivative citizenship.
1866	Civil Rights Act of 1866 provide that “All persons born in the US and not subject to any foreign power, excluding Indians not taxed, are citizens, and such citizens of every race and color without regard to any previous condition of slavery or inservitude shall have the same rights as enjoyed by white citizens”.
1868	14 th Amendment reads “All persons born or naturalized in the US, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the US”
1870	Law expanded to allow African blacks to be naturalized; Asians could immigrate but could not be naturalized
1875	Page Act barred immigrants considered “undesirable,” defining this as a person from East Asia who was coming to the United States to be a forced laborer, any East Asian woman who would engage in prostitution, and all people considered to be convicts in their own country
1882	The Chinese Exclusion Act limited further Chinese immigration. The law was later changed and repealed. Did not deal with naturalization issues.
1891	Expanded the list of exclusions for immigration from prior laws to include those who have a contagious disease and polygamists.
1903	Banned anarchists, beggars, and importers of prostitutes from immigrating.
1907	A Gentlemen’s Agreement stopped Japan from issuing visas, but many Japanese immigrants immigrated through Hawaii.
1907	Under the act of March 2, 1907, all women acquired their husband's nationality upon a marriage that occurred after that date. However, U.S.-born citizen women could now lose their citizenship by any marriage to any alien.
1922	The Cable Act provided that a woman had a nationality of her own. No marriage since that date has granted U.S. citizenship to any alien woman nor taken it from any U.S.-born women who married an alien eligible to naturalization. Under the new law women became eligible to naturalize nearly on the same terms as men. A difference was for those women whose husbands had already naturalized. If her husband was a citizen, the wife did not need to file a declaration of intention. She could initiate naturalization proceedings with a petition alone.
1936	Women who were native born citizens and lost citizenship because of marriage prior to September 22, 1922 are considered a citizen if she took the oath of allegiance and her marriage was terminated by either death or divorce.
1940	In 1940 Congress allowed all women who lost citizenship by marriage between 1907 and 1922 to repatriate, or resume their citizenship, regardless of their marital status. Since then, any woman who lost U.S. citizenship in those years by marriage to an alien, could resume her citizenship by applying and taking the oath of allegiance.
1952	Declaration of Intent no longer required; 5 years residency still required.



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Help Your Ancestors Live Forever - Write Your Family History And Write Your Own History While You're At It

One of my goals in my personal genealogy is to make sure that my ancestors are remembered. Many had no descendants, so absolutely no one alive remembers them. That's sad to me, which is why I created a couple of family history websites. But recently I have been seeking even better ways to memorialize their lives. Their stories are important to be documented, which might explain why I am such a fan of newspaper research.

In any case, here are a few tools that I have discovered that provide a unique means to memorialize our ancestors.

And guess what? We need to produce our own autobiographies. We aren't getting any younger and memories do fade.



Whoowe

Produce an online history easily with text, video, and audio from online questions on your phone. You can contribute content in minute or several minute increments.

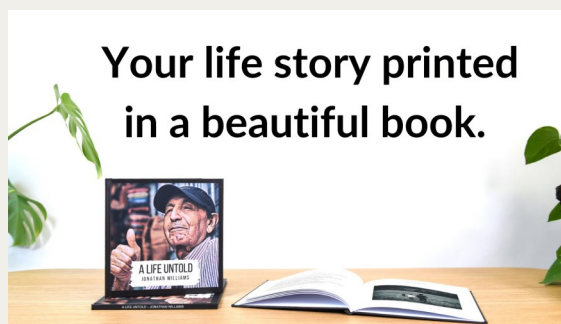
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Newly Completed States with All Categories Created

- [7,885 Free Online New York Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [2,080 Free Online New Hampshire Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [2,429 Free Online Vermont Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [893 Free Online South Dakota Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [760 Free Online Rhode Island Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [2,009 Free Online Washington Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [803 Free Online Wyoming Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [521 Free Online Nevada Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [483 Free Online District of Columbia Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [6,952 Free Online Texas Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [834 Free Online North Dakota Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [975 Free Online New Mexico Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [1,968 Free Online Maryland Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [1,643 Free Online Mississippi Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [4,256 Free Online Kentucky Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [560 Free Online Nova Scotia Collections Available Now in 6 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [4,303 Free Online Ontario Collections Available Now in 6 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [268 Free Online Newfoundland and Labrador Collections Available Now in 6 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [317 Free Online New Brunswick Collections Available Now in 6 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [3,010 Free Online Minnesota Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [3,959 Free Online Michigan Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [519 Free Online Manitoba Collections Available Now in 6 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [2,057 Free Online Alberta Collections Available Now in 6 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [176 Free Online Prince Edward Island Collections Available Now in 6 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [2,230 Free Online New Jersey Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)
- [4,735 Free Online Missouri Collections Available Now in 19 Genealogy Record Categories](#)

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- Newspapers
- Obituaries
- BMD Records
- Directories
- Photos
- Yearbooks
- Divorce Records
- Naturalizations
- Cemetery and Burial Records
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- Mortuary Records
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- Church Records
- School Records
- Voter Lists
- Coroner Records
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